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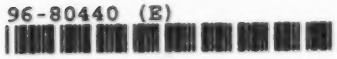

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The meeting was called to order at 10.15 a.m.

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1. Mr. TAKASU (Controller) said that he would not formally introduce the Secretary-General's report on the financing of the operations in the former Yugoslavia (A/50/696/Add.4) since it had been issued very recently, but would confine himself to summarizing the most recent relevant events and the measures to be taken in the immediate future.

2. With regard to Croatia, on 12 November the Basic Agreement on the Region of Eastern Slavonia, Baranja and Western Sirmium (A/50/757-S/1995/951, annex) had been signed, and on 30 November 1995 the Security Council, in its resolution 1025 (1995), had decided to terminate the mandate of the United Nations Confidence Restoration Operation in Croatia (UNCRO), after an interim period ending on 15 January 1996. On that day, the Council, by its resolution 1037 (1996), had established the United Nations Transitional Administration for Eastern Slavonia, Baranja and Western Sirmium (UNTAES), for a period of 12 months. With regard to Bosnia and Herzegovina, following the signing of the Peace Agreement on 20 December 1995, the mandate of UNPROFOR had been terminated and unified command and control had been transferred to the Implementation Force (IFOR) established pursuant to the Peace Agreement. Subsequently, the Council, by its resolution 1035 (1995), of 21 December 1995, had decided to establish, for a period of one year from the transfer of authority from UNPROFOR to IFOR, an International Police Task Force (IPTF) and the United Nations Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina (UNMIBH). With regard to The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, on 30 November 1995 the Council, by its resolution 1027 (1995), had extended the mandate of the United Nations Preventive Deployment Force (UNPREDEP) to 30 May 1996. That operation had become an independent mission and would submit its report directly to United Nations Headquarters. On 15 January 1996, by its resolution 1038 (1996), the Council had decided to extend the United Nations Mission of Observers in Prevlaka (UNMOP). With effect from 30 April 1996 the functions of the Office of the Special Coordinator for Sarajevo would cease, and would be subsumed in the special arrangements to be established at the international level with the participation of, inter alia, the World Bank and the European Commission, with effect from 1 May 1996. The former United Nations Peace Forces (UNPF) headquarters would carry out two missions: logistical and administrative support for the new missions, and

administrative liquidation tasks for UNCRO, UNPROFOR and UNPF. As circumstances permitted, personnel and assets would be transferred to the new independent missions. The United Nations liaison offices in Zagreb and Belgrade would be maintained.

3. The General Assembly, by its decision 50/410 B, of 21 December 1995, had authorized the Secretary-General to enter into commitments for operations in the former Yugoslavia for the period from 1 January to 31 March 1996 in the amount of $100 million gross and to assess the amount of $89,484,800 gross among Member States.

4. The total cost of all operations in the former Yugoslavia for the period from 1 January to 30 June 1996 was calculated at $490,308,700 gross. Those estimates were submitted in document A/50/696/Add.4 and also appeared in the annex to the report of the Advisory Committee (A/50/903), which also contained a letter from the Controller to the Advisory Committee and accompanying information. Non-recurrent costs represented a high percentage of the total, particularly in the case of UNPF, since the value of contingent-owned equipment was greater than anticipated. In the case of UNMIBH, UNTAES and UNPREDEP, the figures, intended to cover repairs to infrastructure and urgent maintenance work, were lower. Recurrent costs essentially related, in the case of UNMIBH, to the cost of financing the civilian police; in the case of UNTAES, to contingents, civilian police and military observers; and in the case of UNPREDEP, to contingents, civilian and logistical structures and other maintenance costs.

5. At the current stage the Secretary-General was requesting commitment authority of not less than $140,194,500 through 31 May 1996, on the understanding that a detailed report by the Advisory Committee on the cost estimates would be available when the Fifth Committee met during the second part of the resumed session, in May. The figure of $140,194,500 had been arrived at by deducting from the total cost estimates ($490,308,700) UNPF non-recurrent costs ($201,759,500, a figure that could subsequently be reviewed once more detailed information was available), June 1996 recurrent costs ($48,354,700) and the current commitment authorization ($100 million). As the General Assembly had approved an assessment in the amount of $89,484,800 (decision 50/410 B), an assessment in the amount of $150,709,700 was now being requested, making a total of $240,194,500.

6. In paragraph 8 of its report (A/50/903), the Advisory Committee recommended that the General Assembly should authorize, at the current stage, additional commitments in the amount of $100 million gross for the period from 1 January to 31 May 1996 for the financing of UNPF, UNMIBH, UNTAES and UNPREDEP, and pointed out that, should the General Assembly decide on assessment, the Secretary-General had requested an additional assessment of $150.7 million for the period through 31 May 1996.

The meeting rose at 10.40 a.m.